

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY**

**TC06-192**

On November 20, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Multiline Long Distance, Inc. (Multiline). A proposed tariff was filed by Multiline. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On November 22, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 8, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its January 2, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered Multiline's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Multiline not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Multiline has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Multiline, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Multiline's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Multiline not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Multiline's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Multiline not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Multiline shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Allaine Kolbo

Date: 1/18/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner